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E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR, TH

SUBJ: SPECIAL FORCES, THAILAND

DEPT PASS?: SECDEF JCS CINCPAC

1. E BASSY UNDERSTANDS URGENT CONSIDERATION IS NOW BEING GIVEN IN WASHINGTON TO WITHDRAWAL OF US ARMY SPECIAL FORCES, THAILAND, BY MARCH 31, 1974. WE WOULD WELCOME SUCH A DECISION AND BELIEVE THAT THIS MOVE WOULD BE EXTREMELY USEFUL IN OUR CONTINUING DISCUSSIONS WITH THE RTG REGARDING THE AMERICAN PRESENCE AS EVIDENCE OF OUR SINCERITY IN REDUCING FORCES WHILE MAINTAINING A MAXIMUM DETERRENCE AGAINST COMMUNIST ADVENTURES IN INDOCHINA.

2. WE WISH TO REEMPHASIZE THE IMPORTANCE THE RTG ATTACHES TO COORDINATION OF ANY PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT. WHEN WASHINGTON DECISION IS REACHED, WE WILL REQUIRE TIME TO CONSULT RTG AND WILL WISH TO ENSURE THAT ANNOUNCEMENT ORIGINATES IN BANGKOK. SUGGESTED TEXT WILL FOLLOW.
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